



Board of Directors Meeting  
June 3, 2013; 8:00 a.m.  
ELC Board Room

**Board Attendees:** Octavio A. Verdeja, Jr. (Chair); The Hon. Cindy S. Lederman (Vice Chair); Esther Jacobo (Treasurer); Lucy C. Pineiro, Esq. (Secretary) (attended via conference call); Charles Auslander; Theresa Axford; Roderick E. Beasley; Doug Blomberg (attended via conference call); Dr. Tina Carroll-Scott; Commissioner Heather Carruthers (attended via conference call); Robert Eadie (attended via conference call); Holly Estes (attended via conference call); Helene J. Good (attended via conference call); David Lawrence, Jr.; Harve Mogul; Gerald K. Schwartz, Esq.; David Williams, Jr. (attended via conference call); Magaly Abrahante, Ed.D. (attended via conference call)

**Board Absentees:** Lucia Davis-Raiford; Shaleen Fagundo; Dr. J. Abilio Rodriguez; Lisa Martinez

**Staff Attendees:** Evelio Torres (President/CEO); Angelo Parrino; Leeana Sanchez; Christina Vila; Valeria Lovo; Jackye Russell; Pamela Hollingsworth; Fred Hicks; Bethany Sands; Mercy Castiglione; Fiorella Altare; Jose Hernandez; Aileen Martinez; Milton Silvera; Sandra Gonzalez; Kendra Link; Christine Hughes

**General Attendees:** Santiago Echemendia, Tew Cardenas (attended via conference call); Alan Eckstein, Esq; San Juanita De La Cruz, MDCPS; Gail Gregg, FIU; Linda Carmona-Sanchez, AECE

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

**Octavio A. Verdeja, Jr.**

- O. Verdeja called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- L. Sanchez called roll and a quorum was established with eleven (11) voting members.
- H. Good was attending via conference call due to a medical excuse.
- C. Lederman requested that the Governance & Bylaws Committee meet to go over Board attendance and make the rules a little stricter. No member should be participating via conference call for every meeting. If there is an emergency, that's understood but otherwise members should make the effort to be at these meetings.
- O. Verdeja stated that if anyone has a conflict of interest on any item coming before the Board, to declare the conflict and see L. Sanchez for a conflict of interest form.
- O. Verdeja stated the following items were included in this month's Board packet:
  - ELC News Alert & ELC Parent Link
  - **Article:** Miami-Dade County Community Advocates Honored. The Community Champion Award, given to a supporter of nonprofits in Miami-Dade, went to David Lawrence, Jr. Awards were presented by Leave a Legacy, a project of The Partnership for Philanthropic Planning of Miami-Dade County and The Miami Foundation.
- O. Verdeja reminded the Board that there is no Board meeting in July. The next Board meeting will take place on Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup>.



- O. Verdeja recognized Wesley House and Miami-Dade County for their service to the community and their assistance with the transition of School Readiness and VPK services.
- O. Verdeja stated that at today's board meeting we will approve the tentative budget for next fiscal year. As we anticipated, the budget includes additional dollars for child care slots. In total, you will see \$6.3 million in additional dollars for child care services than we have in this year's budget. The \$6.3 million includes \$4.2 million from the savings of bringing the services in-house, plus \$2.1 million that was allocated by the legislature.
- O. Verdeja stated that Alan Eckstein is attending the board meeting in person and will give an update on the Monroe Advisory Committee quarterly meeting.
- A. Eckstein provided an update for the Monroe Advisory Committee.

## **II. Approval of Minutes**

**Octavio A. Verdeja, Jr.**

- O. Verdeja called for the approval of the meeting minutes from May 6, 2013.
  - H. Mogul moved to approve the minutes.
  - R. Beasley seconded the motion.
  - Motion was passed unanimously.

## **III. Nominating Committee Report**

**David Lawrence, Jr.**

- D. Lawrence stated that Miami Dade College has made their appointment, Dr. Mara Zapata. (Letter included in Board packet). The Nominating Committee interviewed Dr. Zapata, prior to the Board meeting, and highly recommends her.
  - C. Lederman moved to approve the motion.
  - Motion seconded by T. Axford.
  - Motion was unanimously passed.

## **IV. Finance Committee Report**

**Esther Jacobo, Esq.**

- E. Jacobo reviewed the financials.
- Motion to approve Resolution 052913-01 to approve the Coalition's Fifth Budget Amendment for the fiscal year 2012-2013.
  - H. Mogul moved to approve the motion.
  - Motion seconded by G. Schwartz.
  - Motion was passed unanimously.
- Motion to approve Resolution 05292013-002 to authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute the following contracts listed within the background section of this resolution.
  - C. Lederman moved to approve the motion.
  - Motion seconded by R. Beasley.
  - Motion was passed unanimously.
- Motion to approve Resolution 052913-03 approving the Coalition's Initial Annual Budget for the fiscal year 2013-2014.
  - C. Lederman moved to approve the motion.
  - Motion seconded by R. Beasley.
  - Motion was passed unanimously.



- E. Jacobo reviewed the snapshots for Miami-Dade and Monroe.

**V. CEO Report**

**Evelio C. Torres, CEO**

- The full presentation can be found at:  
[http://www.elcmdm.org/about\\_us/Board/minutes/Board/CEO%20report/CEOR060313.pdf](http://www.elcmdm.org/about_us/Board/minutes/Board/CEO%20report/CEOR060313.pdf)

**VI. Public Comments**

**Octavio A. Verdeja, Jr.**

- L. Carmona-Sanchez congratulated Evelio and the Board for a smooth transition so far. Feedback from the providers has been very positive. They appreciate that they have been involved and questioned on how to better build systems. There was an extensive presentation of the quality rating system and how that's connected to accreditation; the question is whether or not gold seal will be continued.
- E. Torres stated that he doesn't think gold seal is in question. The State is looking at quality systems across the State and seeing if it needs to be connected to accreditation or not. It's all under review and at this point, it's hard to tell where it will all end up.

**VII. Adjourn**

**Octavio A. Verdeja, Jr.**